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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **Classification Designation:** 

361-683000

Prior Group Art Unit: 2835

## REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/798,873 filed March 1, 2001, entitled "PORTABLE COMPUTER PEDESTAL METHOD AND APPARATUS."

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/798,873 as originally filed, including abstract, specification, claims, drawings, and a copy of the inventor's declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of

the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.  $\boxtimes$ The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No. (a) 09/798,873. (b) Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b). Priority of foreign patent application number (c) , filed in is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(e). The certified copy: is enclosed. has been filed in the prior Application Serial No. 2. The Commissioner is requested to grant Applicant a filing date in accordance with Rule 1.53, and supply Applicant with a Notice of Missing Parts in due course, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 1.53(f).  $\boxtimes$ 3. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$375.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated below and the fee for any new claims that may be added in the Preliminary Amendment referred to in Part No. 9 below.

## CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION LESS CLAIMS CANCELED BELOW

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$\boxtimes$	4.	Applicant is entitled to	o Small Entity Sta	tus for this applicat	ion.	
		(a) A small entity s	statement is enclos	ed.		
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•		such status is st	ill proper and desi	red.		
		(c) Small entity sta	atus is no longer c	laimed.		
$\boxtimes$	5.	If the check is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to				
		charge any fees under	37 C.F.R. §§ 1.1	6 to 1.21 which m	ay be required fo	or any
		reason relating to thi	s application, or	credit any overpa	syment to Fulbrig	ght &
		Jaworski L.L.P. Accou	nt No.: 50-1212/M	IDSV:003USC1/D	DB.	
$\boxtimes$	6.	Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.				
$\boxtimes$	7.	Address all future com	munications to:			
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$\boxtimes$	8.	The prior application is presently assigned to MDS Advertising, Inc.			
	9.	Enclosed is a preliminary amendment. Any additional fees incurred by this			
		amendment are included in the check at No. 3 above and said fee has been			
		calculated after calculation of claims and after amendment of claims by the			
		preliminary amendment.			
	10.	Cancel in this application claims 2 - 39 of the prior application before calculating			
		the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained).			
□ 11.		Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:This is a			
		continuation of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/798,873 filed March 1,			
		2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,608,749			
$\boxtimes$	12.	Enclosed are formal drawings.			
	13.	An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.			
		(a) PTO-1449.			
		(b) Copies of IDS citations.			
	14.	Transfer the sequence information, including the computer readable form previously			
		submitted in the parent application, Serial No. filed , for use in this			
		application. Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), Applicant states that the paper copy of			
		the sequence listing in this application is identical to the computer readable			
		copy in parent application Serial No. filed . Under 37 C.F.R.			
		§ 1.821(f), Applicant also states that the information recorded in computer			
		readable form is identical to the written sequence listing.			
	15.	Other:			

## 16. Return Receipt Postcard (specifically itemized).

Respectfully submitted,

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